

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Claims 1-21 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 9, 10, 14, 16, and 20 are amended. Claims 3-4, 8, 12-13, and 18-19 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Gottlieb (U.S. Patent No. 6,016,542). Claims 1-21 were previously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Eikemeyer (U.S. Patent No. 6,694,425).

First, Applicants would like to gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 4, 8, 9, 13-15, and 19-21 contain allowable subject matter. *See* Advisory Action dated 3/14/2008, page 2.

In this Amendment, claims 4, 8, 13, and 19, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, are rewritten in independent as amended claims 1, 5, 10, and 16. Therefore, claims 1, 5, 10, and 16 are allowable, and claims 2, 6-7, 9, 11, 14-15, 17, and 20-21 are allowable at least for depending from an allowable base claim. The amendments to claims 1, 5, 10, and 16 are being made for the purpose of expediting prosecution only. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of any of the pending claims 1-21 in future continuation applications.

For at least the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 975-7500 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,

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